

## **MINUTES**

### **UTAH EDUCATION COMMITTEE BOARD OF NURSING MEETING**

**APRIL 17, 2007**

**Room 402 – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor – 8:00 A.M.  
Heber Wells Building  
Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

**CONVENED:** 8:09 a.m.

**ADJOURNED:** 11:00 a.m.

**Bureau Manager:**  
**Board Secretary:**

Laura Poe  
Shirlene Kimball

**Conducting:**

Diane Forster-Burke

**Board Members Present:**

Pam Rice  
Diane Forster-Burke  
Mary Williams  
Helen Zsohar

**Guests:**

Virginia Mast, Westminster College Student  
Stephanie Oaks, Westminster College Student  
Corinne Ballard, Westminster College Student

#### **TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**

#### **DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

##### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion regarding Rules that need to be written or amended:

The following was determined for NCLEX pass rates and the tracking period:

1). Programs with Full Approval/Accreditation: The NCLEX pass rate can be no more than 5% below the national average. The tracking period regarding low NCLEX pass rates will be three graduation cycles or a 2 year period of time. If the pass rates are low after the 2<sup>nd</sup> graduation cycle, the Board would send a letter of concern and the program would be required to submit a remediation plan. If the pass rates remain low after three graduation cycles, the status of the program would be changed to probationary approval. If the pass rates are low after the fourth graduation cycle, the program can not admit new students and

approval is withdrawn.

2). Provisional Approval with NLNAC candidacy status: The NCLEX pass rate can be no more than 5% below the national average. Tracking period: If the pass rate is low after the second graduation cycle, the status of the program will be changed. If the pass rate is low after the third graduation cycle, the program can not accept new students and approval is withdrawn.

3). Provisional Approval - failed site visit or accreditation review: The NCLEX pass rates can be no more than 5% below the national average. If the program fails accreditation, the program can not admit new students and approval will be withdrawn after the last cohort currently enrolled in the program has graduated.

All programs would have to reapply if approval is withdrawn.

Discussion regarding the acceptable clinical experiences, hours, shifts, number of simulation/lab hours, hands-on versus observational and faculty supervision:

Nursing Director/Administrator:

PN programs: Committee members would like the practical nurse director/administrator have a Master's Degree in nursing or a nursing doctorate. Current NLNAC criteria require a graduate degree with a major in nursing or a BSN with a doctorate in education. Committee members would like included in the rules that the director/administrator have education and experience in teaching including curricular development and leadership. Committee members would like the director/administrator to have completed a formal program with at least three years of teaching experience in an accredited nursing education program. The director/administrator can not be the full time administrator and a full time faculty member. The nurse administrator needs to have adequate time for administration.

Associate RN: The director/administrator must be a licensed RN with an earned graduated degree in nursing.

BSN: The director/administrator must be a licensed RN with an earned graduate degree in nursing and an

earned doctorate degree in nursing or related field. The director/administrator of any type of program will need to document formal education or at least 3 years teaching experience in an accredited nursing program.

Faculty:

PN level: Committee members recommend a majority of faculty members have an earned graduate degree. Faculty members must have formal education in curricular development or document 3 years experience with curricular development. A majority of faculty members must document formal education in teaching principles or 3 years experience teaching in an accredited nursing education program.

Associate RN: Majority of faculty members must be masters prepared with 2 years clinical experience.

BSN: Minimum of a masters or earned doctorate in nursing.

APRN/Post Masters program: Minimum of a masters or earned doctorate in nursing with a majority of faculty who are doctoral prepared and who are licensed APRNs.

Simulation and lab hours. Committee members recommend no more than 30% of clinical hours can be simulated. Committee members will also review the document “The Next Transformation: Clinical Education” and look at a variety of ways to obtain the clinical experience.

May 18, 2007 Board meeting:

Ms. Poe indicated that the Deans and Directors of the Nursing Education programs will be invited to the May meeting for input into the proposed rules. Ms. Poe also indicated the education programs would be informed the pass rates will be published on the Divisions web site beginning May 1, 2007.

*Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.*

August 3, 2007

Diane Forster-Burke, Chair, Board of Nursing, Education Committee.